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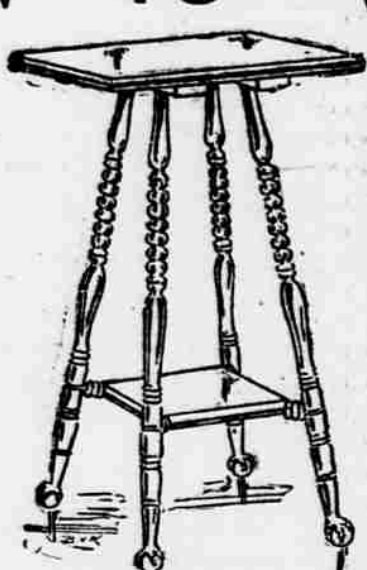
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Ladies' Silk Waists, worth \$2.50 and \$3.00, at

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SOCIETY IS NOW ALL GIVEN UP TO CARDS

Golf, Bowls, Even the Wheel, Go to the Rear.

At Fashionable Watering Places Various Games Are Played as Fancy Dictates—Society Notes.

Cards are trumps in the social world and Dame Fashion leads the game. The old foggy amusement of cards, dear to the hearts of elderly couples united for more active sport, has caught the fancy of the young. How long it will retain its hold depends on the magnetic qualities of the next new fad.

Good luck and good court are feeding the defection; the wheel is not so easy and cards are absolutely dead. The immortal marchioness can no longer lay claim to preeminence, since the smart class of today is wiser in the ways of jackpots and straight flushes than ever was the scrap of a white slavery, whose wildest achievement was to capture "two for his nobel."

Card parties are raging like a fever at the various resorts, the difference lying in the fact that at Maryland and Newport take to euchre, Atlantic City openly avows a preference for rummy, while Cape May, always more so than her frigid neighbor, prefers a quiet hand at whist. Now long the fad will last will depend on the shuttlecock whims of that same Dame Fashion, who does the least likely things at a moment's notice and expects others to do the same.

There is no counting the cost of the prizes that lucky girls and matrons will take home with them to winter quarters, and that the city's own fair inhabitants may be expected to return with a satisfactory quota is evidenced by the auction of an exquisite authority, the other day at Newport, that there was "no matching a Washington woman for luck."

Mrs. Mary Bangs and daughter, Mrs. Barnes, gave an informal lunch yesterday in honor of Miss Mary Fosselman, of South Dakota, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. Davis, at 913 T street northwest. The table was laid for eight covers and was gracefully decorated with flowers and ferns. Among those present were: Mrs. Gertrude Barnes, Mrs. Marion L. Davis, Mrs. William P. Davis, Mrs. S. Alexander, Miss Kate Lay Howe and Miss Mary Fosselman. Miss Fosselman will leave today for her new home in Wisconsin.

Mr. J. F. Cain, of the Bank of the Republic, has gone to Charles county to visit relatives.

Mrs. John Kane and children of Virginia avenue are visiting Mrs. Kane's old home at Trenton, N. J.

Miss Nan Brecht of No. 2109 F street will leave today for Warrenton, Va., for a two weeks' visit.

Mrs. Schartzkopf of Norfolk, Va., is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. L. J. Voss, at F street.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Sheehan of Sixteenth street is spending a few weeks at Atlantic City. Mr. Sheehan is much improved in health.

Mrs. O. Hine, accompanied by her daughters, Mrs. Edward P. Mertz and Miss Besse Hine, of Prospect Hill has returned from her summer outing at Atlantic City.

Mr. Ike Oettinger has returned from a month's visit to Pen Mar to his home in Georgetown.

Prof. William Canfield has gone on an extended European tour.

Rev. and Mrs. W. S. McKenney of Frederick, Md., are the guests of Mrs. Carpenter in Brooklyn.

Mrs. J. H. Small and Miss Nannie Small, who have been spending some time at Atlantic City, will return to their home in Brookland today.

Gen. Lockwood and Mrs. Orme and family, who have been absent at the seaside for the past two weeks, have returned to their home on Twenty-ninth and Q streets. Miss Mary Murray Lockwood will not be back until some time during the autumn.

Mr. Thomas J. Stanton and family of Georgetown have come from their month's visit to Western Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry France and daughters will leave the last of the month for an outing that will include a visit to the Thousand Islands.

Mr. Donohue and his son, Florence Donohue, Jr., and her daughters, Edna and Wendolyn, are comfortably situated at Washington Grove.

Helen Prentiss Donohue, of the Linthicum Students of Georgetown, is at the "Ingle-side" Randolph, with her cousins, Mr. David D. Caldwell, of the Department of Justice, and Miss Helena Florence Caldwell, of Peoria, Ill.

Miss Sallie Abel left yesterday for a lengthy visit with friends in Toledo.

Miss Mollie Anderson, of North Capitol street, was tendered a surprise party last night in celebration of her seventeenth birthday, which occurred on Sunday last. The evening was a merry one, interspersed with music, dancing and games. Among those present were Misses Anne and Emily Burke, Miss Flora Farraday, Miss Nettie Adams, and Messrs. Pollock, Jones, Anderson, Spalding, Wilkins and Gibbs.

Miss Lola Dillard, of Southeast Washington, is on a visit to friends and relatives in King George county, Va., her native home.

Dr. Thomas J. Jones and family of No. 3109 T street northwest are returning from a visit to relatives in Ohio.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Robbins of No. 1700 Thirteenth street northwest have returned from their outing.

Gen. Miles has returned from his visit to New England.

Mr. J. Godfrey Goebel of No. 3333 Prospect avenue northwest, accompanied by his daughter, has gone to Atlantic City.

Mrs. W. R. Bailey is spending the season at Harper's Ferry.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Walford of Buffalo, N. Y., are located at the Oxford.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Buckley of No. 819 G street southeast are returning from a brief stay at Colonial Beach.

Miss Katie V. Wilson of Tenth street northwest has returned from her summer outing.

Miss Margaret O'Donnell of Capitol Hill has returned from her trip in the Shenandoah Valley.

Miss Rose Shapiro of Baltimore has for the last two weeks been visiting friends in Washington and will return home Saturday, accompanied by several of them.

Miss Ette Berkelbach of Philadelphia is visiting Miss Foster of Iowa Circle.

Miss Flora Shinn of Capitol Hill will leave this morning for Mountain Lake Park, Md.

Among those who attended the weekly hop at Takoma were Miss Williams, Miss Clark Allen, Miss Emma Wilson, Miss Hays, Miss Blanche Lay, Miss Emma and Gertrude Garfield, Mr. and Mrs. George.

\$1.98 for a handsome Brilliant Skirt, full sweep, extra wide, and worth \$4.

Clark's, 734-736 Seventh Street.

Howell Coryell, Mr. John Wilson, Mr. Harry Key, Count Roger de Mauny, Mr. W. O. Blackwood, Mr. Ed. Key, Mr. Pluggie and Mr. J. Barnum.

Miss Mabel and Jennie Dell are finishing the sketch of "Bunny Bank," on the Chesapeake Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Cleaves are at Old Orchard Beach, Md.

Mr. J. G. Goebel and daughter of West Washington are visiting at Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus McEwell of Scotland have returned to New York, after a week's visit to Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Davis of Ohio avenue.

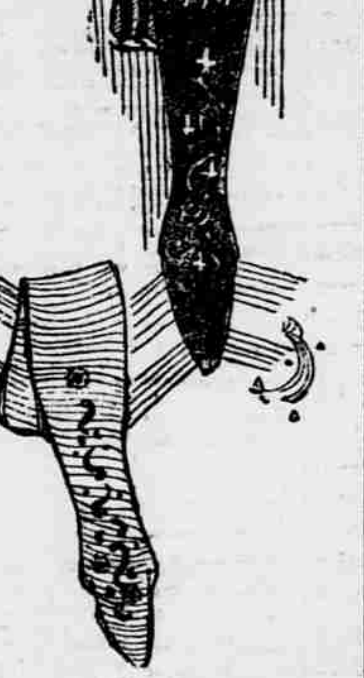
The Misses Nina Lillian, Sarah Elizabeth and Nettie Florence Higdon, Elizabeth Marion Fries and Vidue Taylor have returned after a long and pleasant visit to Quantico, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Luchs left Saturday for a few weeks' stay at Atlantic City.

EMBROIDERING STOCKINGS.

SO MANY stockings are hand decorated that you are uncertain now whether you are glancing upon a mere trick of weave or upon a real work of art, a bit of hand embroidery as fine as any that ever came out of grandmother's chest. Yet the real has a look by which you can detect it—a look of fine stitches.

The favorite stocking for hand embroidery is not the silk, but the very fine



Hand Embroidered.

cotton and linen. There is a weight that is easier to handle than silk, and is just as fine in grade.

The very ingenious embroiderer begins her work by running silk threads round and round the leg of the stocking to make stripes, or up and down from the calf. For colors she selects the goods to which the stockings belong. Suppose a green taffeta covered with canvas cloth. After the green stripes have been run, the embroiderer turns around from toe to top, there must be a pattern put upon the front. Here comes a chance for scroll work and small designs. Fleur-de-lis and crescents are the favorites. When the stocking is finished it is a very pretty thing, as elaborate as any bought for twice the cost.

LINEN FOR THE WATER.

THE heavy linen dress is growing in favor with ardent bathers because it is a dress that you can wear in the water and wear it with equal grace. For a bath it is just as good in the water for a couple of hours, alternately going in and coming out, coarse linen is admirable.

Make the dress as tight fitting as you please, after shrinking it. Have the body



Heavy Linen Dress.

of the dress of one color and the vest and collar of another. A striped blue looks very pretty in the water.

A sun-colored linen bathing dress had a vest and collar of this color. The jacket and sleeves were of striped blue linen. The skirt was of the sun-colored material, with plaits of blue and white. The lining being very coarse, kept its shape well in the water.

In making any bathing dress it must be borne in mind that the dress must be all in one piece, no matter how intricate may appear to be its parts. It all goes on at once and obviously can not come off, except in the same radical way.

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to marry were issued yesterday to the following: J. Davis Whitlock and Lottie L. Mernan.

John Priest and Clara A. Mitchell. Henry Otto and Roberta Crane, of Baltimore, Md.

Thomas J. Kellow and Agnes Evans, both of Ashley, Pa.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and return via Pennsylvania Railroad.

Tickets will be sold Saturday and Sunday, August 28 and 29, and will be valid for return passage until Monday, August 31. Good on day train.

NEWS FROM ALEXANDRIA

Bryan, Sewall and Rixey Club Holds a Meeting.

No Speakers Yet Secured for the Big Meeting—Sudden Death of a Young Lawyer.

The Bryan, Sewall and Rixey Democratic Club held a meeting on the stage of the opera house last night, with about 100 members present. Mr. Anderson reported that he had as yet been unable to secure speakers, but that he would advise the holding of a public meeting in about ten days.

Messrs. J. M. Hill and S. H. Lunt were appointed a committee to secure suitable rooms for the club, Saxe Hall being the preference if it is possible to get it.

Messrs. Hill, Lunt, J. T. Beckham, John Harlow and William H. Smith were appointed a committee to solicit contributions for the support of the club, and in a few minutes about \$50 was promised. The secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Bryan and request him, while either going to or returning from Richmond, to make a speech from the roof of the train.

Mr. G. Hatley Norton, a well-known young member of the Washington and Alexandria club, died at Old Sweet Springs, in West Virginia, early yesterday morning, after a short illness. He was the son of the late Rev. George H. Norton, and a nephew of Judge Norton of the corporation court.

Though but twenty-seven years of age, he was making his mark in the profession. His body will be brought to this city early this morning, and the funeral will take place tomorrow.

The body of the unknown man, who killed himself in Schwab's restaurant Wednesday last, was buried yesterday in Penny Hill Cemetery. Rev. Mr. Griffith, acting rector of St. Paul's Church, conducted the funeral services.

The children of Grace Episcopal Church Sunday school, the number of 300, will go upon an excursion to River View today.

The school board of Alexandria county held a meeting yesterday in the Columbus street courthouse and determined to build a new school at Del Ray, the new town just north of the city. The establishment of another new school at Carlin Springs was discussed. The next session of the schools will open September 14.

Edward, the three-year-old son of Mr. Lewis M. Gruber, was attacked by a vicious cow on Wilkes street, near Lee, this morning and was knocked down and quite badly cut by falling on a rock.

Mr. R. T. Grimes and Mrs. James Wells are about to leave for a pleasant trip to Richmond. A large number of Alexandrians will attend the tournament and dress ball at Marshall Hall today.

Provisionary expect to have the brick work of the new King street sewer well under way in a few days and they will complete it before the end of next month.

PROPER CARE OF SHOES.

THE following hints on the care of women's shoes are given by a sensible dealer: "The constant friction going on between a woman's skirts and her boots is exceedingly hard on the latter. In order to offset this wear and tear she should have her boots dressed every day. It makes them wear twice as long. All shoes, slippers or boots should be cleaned on the foot or on boot trees. When tan shoes get dusty or muddy and become water stained take a soft rag, some water and soap, and wash them thoroughly. Don't let the water soak in. Wring the rag out until it is rather dry, rub on a little soap and wipe the shoes thoroughly. Take another cloth and apply some soap suds lightly and evenly with a sponge. As soon as this dries shake the shoes by quickly drawing a dry cloth over them. One russet shoe polish is about as good as another, and an excellent substitute is fruit. Lemon juice will remove stains and banana skins gives an excellent polish. Brush the shoes every day and make them a much darker, richer color and preserves the leather by making it dust and water proof after a time.

"Dust is really worse on shoes than water. Patient laborer nobody will guarantee, for nobody can tell from its appearance what it will do. It should always be removed before being worn in cold weather. There is a mink taken idea prevalent that water hater patent leather. But, however, is harder on leather than other varieties of leather. If it is inclined to break the dust gets in and plays havoc with the most expensive of shoes. But should be removed by wiping the shoes with a wet sponge while they are still on the feet and then they should be briskly rubbed with a dry cloth.

TRAVELING IN SUMMER TIME.

TRAVELING in summer is ruinous to the complexion unless special pains are taken to preserve its softness. When it is possible to stand the heat, the window should not be opened, for the flying cinders and smoke injure the skin. Before the journey is begun the face should be rubbed with fine powder, and if the face is enlaced, should be lightly touched with vaseline or almond oil brushed off with a coarse towel before the powder is applied. In this way the pores of the skin are so filled with innocuous matter as to exclude the dust, which works so much mischief. When the trip is ended the face, neck, ears, nostrils and all exposed parts of the skin should be washed in tepid water, using a great quantity of it—measuring by gallons rather than by quarts—and rubbed hard with a coarse towel. A lotion of some soothing ingredients should then be rubbed in. Lemon juice mixed with water and the lotion made from one drachm of sal ammoniac, one pint of distilled water and two fluid drachms of rose de Cologne is excellent. The hair must receive special attention, and must be thoroughly washed at least around the temples and above the fringe of the neck, for nothing cuts and destroys the hair so soon as the grit of the cinders carried by the air from the engines.

Army and Navy Orders.

Capt. John L. Tierman, Fifth Artillery, and John P. Story, Fourth Artillery, are detailed as members of the examining board at Fort Monmouth, in place of Major J. C. Haddock, of the Artillery, and Capt. James M. Ingalls, First Artillery.

First Lieut. Joseph M. Califf and Charles W. Hobbs, Third Artillery, will report in person to Col. Royal T. Frank, First Artillery, president of the board, for examination for promotion.

The following transfers in the Twenty-first Infantry are ordered: First Lieut. Francis J. Kernan, from Company D to B; First Lieut. Frederick L. Palmer, from Company B to K; First Lieut. Edward W. McCasky, from Company K to D.

First Lieut. Charles G. Frost, First Artillery, is detailed for duty as adjutant and ordnance officer of the school of artillery, Fort Riley, Kas.

Naval orders—Lieut. O. E. Lasher, ordered to the Dennington, vice Lieut. W. F. Elliott, detached and ordered to the Philadelphia, vice Lieut. T. S. Phelps, detached and ordered to the Albatross, vice Lieut. J. H. Coffin, detached and granted three months leave. Ensign J. H. Sypher ordered to duty in the War Records Office.

NAVY FEELS THE SLIGHT

Resents an Army Officer's Detail to Receive Li.

WHOLE THING MIXED UP

State Department Officials Do Not Know the Viceroy's Visiting Rank and Is in the Dark as to How He Should Be Received—Preparations in New York.

Officials of the State Department continue to regard with dismay the forthcoming visit of the Chinese viceroy, and beyond the fact that Acting Secretary Rockhill will leave today for New York to personally attend the viceroy the officials know nothing.

Even so Mr. Rockhill has not been confided the precise character of the services he is expected to render and as for the alleged contemplated trip of the Chinese statesman to the Capital and his stay here, it is declared that no preparations whatever have been made.

Considerable disagreement is exhibited by the two distinctly foreign services of the government, those of the State and Navy, that the whole arrangement of the affair has been delegated by the President to the Army, which would under ordinary circumstances be considered least capable to cope with the very delicate ceremonies which are inseparable from the visit of a Chinese official of high rank.

Among the anomalies may be mentioned the fact that the State Department is as yet unaware whether Li Hung Chang comes as an ambassador or as an envoy, and is, therefore, powerless to advise the Navy whether he should be saluted with seventeen guns or fifteen. Perhaps the Navy will, after all, not be called upon to burn any powder when the St. Louis arrives, as under Army regulations the shore batteries in New York Harbor can do all the saluting required.

FORMAL ORDER ISSUED.

The attitude of the Navy Department in the matter was authoritatively presented yesterday afternoon, when Acting Secretary McAdoo published the following official statement: "Navy Department.

"Office Assistant Secretary, Washington, August 25, 1896.

"The presence of the North Atlantic Squadron at its usual anchorage, off Staten Island, at this time has no connection with the visit of Li, the Chinese ambassador. It is in accordance with the arranged program of summer exercises. The commander-in-chief has no instructions with reference to the reception of the Chinese ambassador.

"Major General Ruger, who represents the President, will arrange all the details of the reception. There will be no naval review, or any action taken by the department in the matter of the reception, unless requested by Gen. Ruger. The Dolphin will report to Gen. Ruger on the 27th instant, and will be subject to his orders as long as Earl Li remains in this country."

TROOPS LEAVE TODAY.

The United States troops, which will act as Li's escort, will leave Washington today. They will proceed by rail to Jersey City, and from there will be taken to Fort Hamilton, where they will be quartered until the vessel carrying the viceroy arrives.

The command will consist of troops from Fort Myer, which includes four troops of cavalry and the mounted band, under Major Lebo.

As soon as Major Lebo's men greet Li in New York they will return to Washington, so as to meet the viceroy when he arrives here, and escort him around the city.

Admiral Buce has received orders to leave his squadron by Friday morning and prepare to give the St. Louis a rousing reception as she passes up the bay in New York.

After Li has inspected each of the vessels the squadron will fire more salutes and proceed to sea for further evolutions. The Chinese legation in Washington has completed extensive preparations to meet the viceroy, and the only formal large function which will be given in Washington will be tendered by the legation.

RECEPTION AT THE LEGATION.

Many of the distinguished people of Washington, New York and other cities will be invited, and an attempt will be made to give a reception similar to one Li would receive in his own country, save for the attendance of the Dolphin and the viceroy's navy.

The Dolphin did not include in her flag chest a Chinese flag, and the department was compelled to get one from the Brooklyn navy yard.

The well-known Chinese ensign of yellow, with its blue dragon, will be displayed at the foremost of the Dolphin during the entire time the viceroy is in New York.

Mr. Yang, the Chinese minister, and all the members of his official family, will arrive in New York tonight or Thursday morning.

They will meet the visitors at Quarantine. The party will then go through the formalities of Chinese etiquette and the viceroy will be officially greeted.

Mr. Taug and party will return to Washington as soon as possible and make the final arrangements for the grand feast to be given at the Chinese legation.

The three most important receptions to the viceroy will be given by President Cleveland at Mr. Whitney's house in New York city, at the Chinese legation in Washington, and in John Russell Young's home in Philadelphia.

CABINET FOR THE BICYCLES.

SINCE bicycling has become so prevalent the question of storing wheels has become a matter of some consequence in many a household where several members of the family ride. Several pieces of furniture adapted to the purpose have been devised of late, the most satisfactory thing being a handsome carved cabinet intended to stand in the hall. It is made in two parts. The lower, which is made a little higher than the "wheels," opens with two broad doors, while the upper is much narrower, being intended to accommodate the handles and seat. A shelf is provided to hold any extras one may have, as booter gloves. Covers to fit over wheels may be made of handsome cretonne or plain materials, outlined with some appropriate design. The seams should be bound with bright colored braid. These covers are very attractive and will serve the double purpose of protecting the bicycle and one's clothing where the machine has to be kept in small rooms or halls in summer cottages.

A cover made of rubber or waterproof cloth would be of advantage at the seashore or where the bicycles are kept in rain inclosed piazzas.

THE BOLERO JACKET.

THE bolero jacket is as ubiquitous as the surplice trimming, and with its jeweled trimming is decidedly oriental in appearance. It is used on evening gowns as well as street costumes, and is made of the finest materials. A white chiffon gown has this jacket effect, trimmed in chiffon and jeweled ribbons. Two famous models of the skirt. The bolero has been made of crystal trimmings running up and down front and back, and the décolletage has

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Same prices today

Trimmed Hats.

\$4.50, \$4, \$3.50 and \$3 Trimmed Short Back Suits, 95c.

Ladies who have deferred buying their trimmed hats can now get a fine selection from a handsome lot of Trimmed Short Back Suits—most of them new and some of the most exciting. To close them out we make the price—

98c

Umbrellas.

\$1.25 Splendid Gloria Umbrella, 95c.

We made a lucky purchase of excellent quality Gloria Silk Umbrella—handsome handles, in natural wood—steel frames, and very good value at \$1.25. Take your pick at—

95c

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